



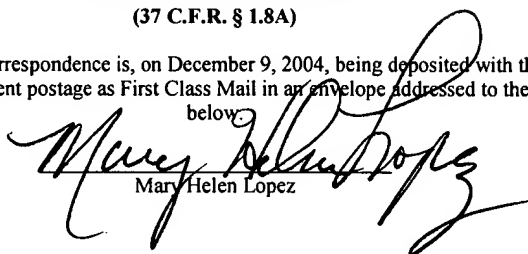
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s) : Robert D. Washburn, et al.  
Application No. : 09/866,563  
Filed : 05/25/2001  
Title : **Electronic Isolator**  
Group/Unit : 2816  
Examiner : Nguyen, Hai L.  
Reference : 0008761-0002

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**SUPPLEMENT TO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

Applicant supplements preliminary amendment filed on December 7, 2004 and specifically requests that the 3 month late fee (Extension of Time fee under 37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) authorized in the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal (form PTO/SB/30) and the Amendment/Response Transmittal Letter be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1215.

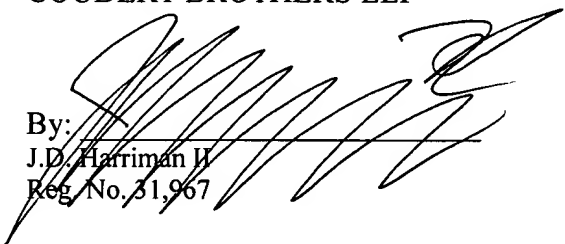
Applicant notes that the absence of checking any of the three boxes (i, ii, and iii) that lie under box 3.a. on the RCE Transmittal could possibly be interpreted as an ambiguity. Applicant acknowledges that although the filing of the RCE Transmittal on December 7, 2004 was within 6 months from the date of the final office action, it was filed after 3 months from the date of the

final office action and, therefore, there is a "required" Extension of Time fee. Applicant notes that on the Amendment/Response Transmittal Letter the Authorization and Address Correspondence box was checked which states that "The Commissioner is authorized during the prosecution of this application to charge fees that may be required...to Deposit Account No. 501215....," emphasis added.

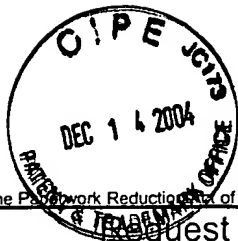
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

3. **Fees**

- The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-1215. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.
- a. ☒
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 395.00 enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Name (Print/Type)	J. D. Harriman II	Registration No.	31,967

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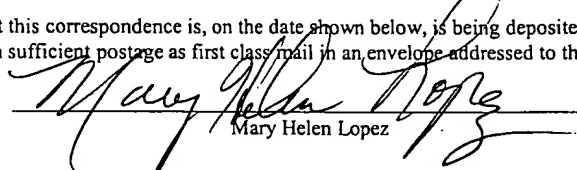
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## AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Enclosed is an amendment to the Final Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_ in the above-identified application.

CALCULATION OF FEES						
ITEM		CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PAID FOR	EXCESS CLAIMS X RATE	SUBTOTAL	FEE
A	TOTAL CLAIM FEES*	10	20	0 x \$9	0	0
B	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS**	2	3	0 x \$44	0	0
C	SMALL ENTITY FEE = A + B LARGE ENTITY FEE = 2 x (A + B)				0	
D	MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE***	SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$150.00 LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$ 300.00			0	
E	TOTAL FILING FEE				0	
List Independent Claims: 1 and 11						
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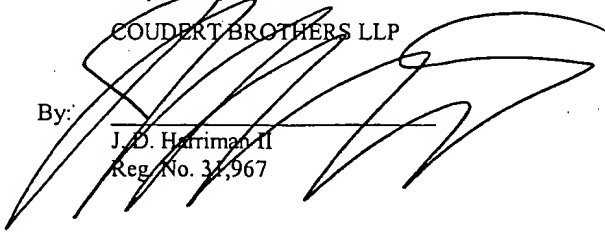
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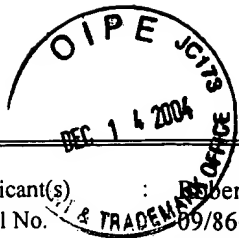
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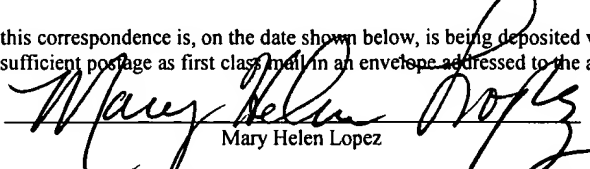


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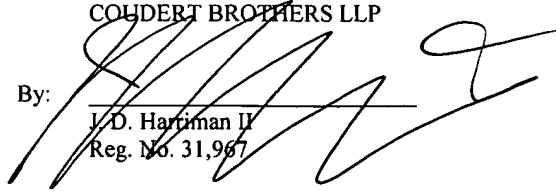
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